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News worth sharing.

Londoners charged in child-porn dragnet

OPP, London chiefs credit collaboration for slew of charges in provincewide raids

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Five local men are among the 60 people facing charges in one of the largest child-pornography sweeps in Ontario history.

Officers from 24 forces arrested men and teenagers from all walks of life, including a child-care worker, Scott Tod, the acting Ontario Provincial Police commissioner, said Thursday.

The London men face a combined 31 charges including possession of child pornography, accessing child pornography and making child pornography available. Across the province, police have laid 213 charges.

Members of the Provincial Strategy to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation on the Internet participated in the investigations, and officers from London's cyber-crime unit were involved, Chief Brad Duncan said.

"I could have 20 officers working that unit because (cyber-crime is) so pervasive," Duncan said. "We have to collaborate with our provincial partners because the interesting thing about cyber-crime, because it's Internet based, there are no jurisdictional boundaries."

OPP Det.-Sgt. Frank Goldschmidt said 22 victims were identified during the probe, and more arrests are expected as more victims emerge.

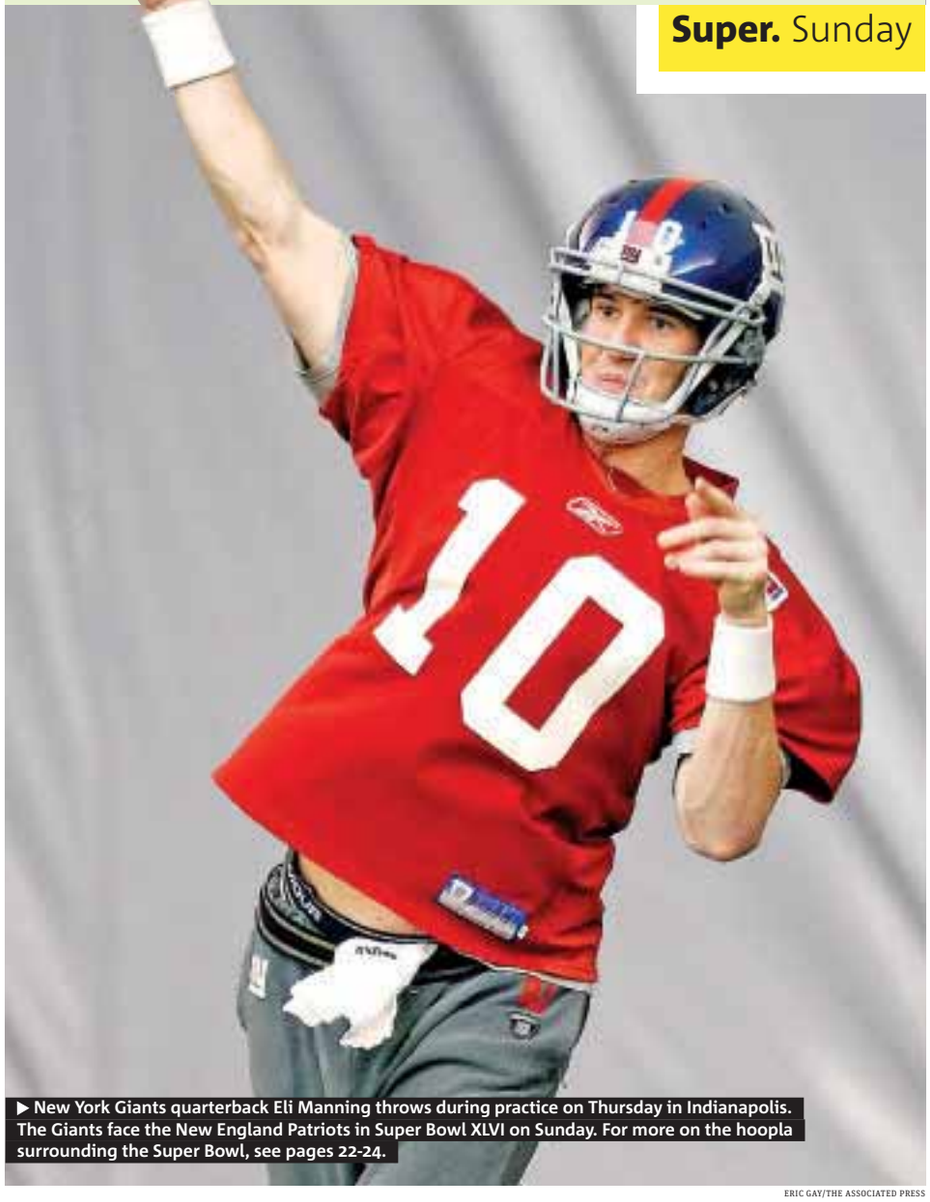
From August 2006 to Feb. 1, 2012, there have been 16,131 child-porn investigations in Ontario, resulting in 5,837 charges against 1,867 people. Canadian studies suggest that 19 out of 20 cases of child sexual abuse go undetected, police said.

Accused

Londoners charged in the child-porn investigation:

- Michael Schram, 44: 16 charges.
- Edward Jewell, 60: three charges.
- Andre Defrada, 24: four charges.
- Evan Wan, 20: five charges.
- Michael Barnett, 44: three charges.

Super. Sunday



▶ New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning throws during practice on Thursday in Indianapolis. The Giants face the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLVI on Sunday. For more on the hoopla surrounding the Super Bowl, see pages 22-24.

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Getting ready for some gridiron action

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Councillors push for more cuts

Health unit bears brunt of budget crackdown during Thursday session
Next round on Feb. 9, with final budget approval coming Feb. 21

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$1.9M Amount by which boards and commissions are over council targets set in May.

Pressure is continuing to mount at city hall for boards and commissions to trim budget proposals.

Some city councillors took a solid stance Thursday with the Middlesex-London Health Unit: Cut deeper or expect consequences.

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▶ Joe Fontana

Mayor Joe Fontana was among the most outspoken, taking issue with the unit's 38 hires in recent years while city administrators are making sacrifices.

"We've got a permanent hiring freeze, our senior management team (hasn't received raises) we've reorganized … cut middle management," Fontana said during a committee meeting focused on the 2012 budget. "You've done the opposite."

Dr. Graham Pollett, head of the health unit, defended the hiring, saying the positions were paid for with provincial money made available to fulfil new mandates. The health unit hasn't seen an increase in municipal funding since 2004, he said.

The unit has cut $100,000 from its original budget proposal and needs to trim $396,000 more to meet a target councillors set last year.

Pollett said that can't be done without making cuts to mandated programs.

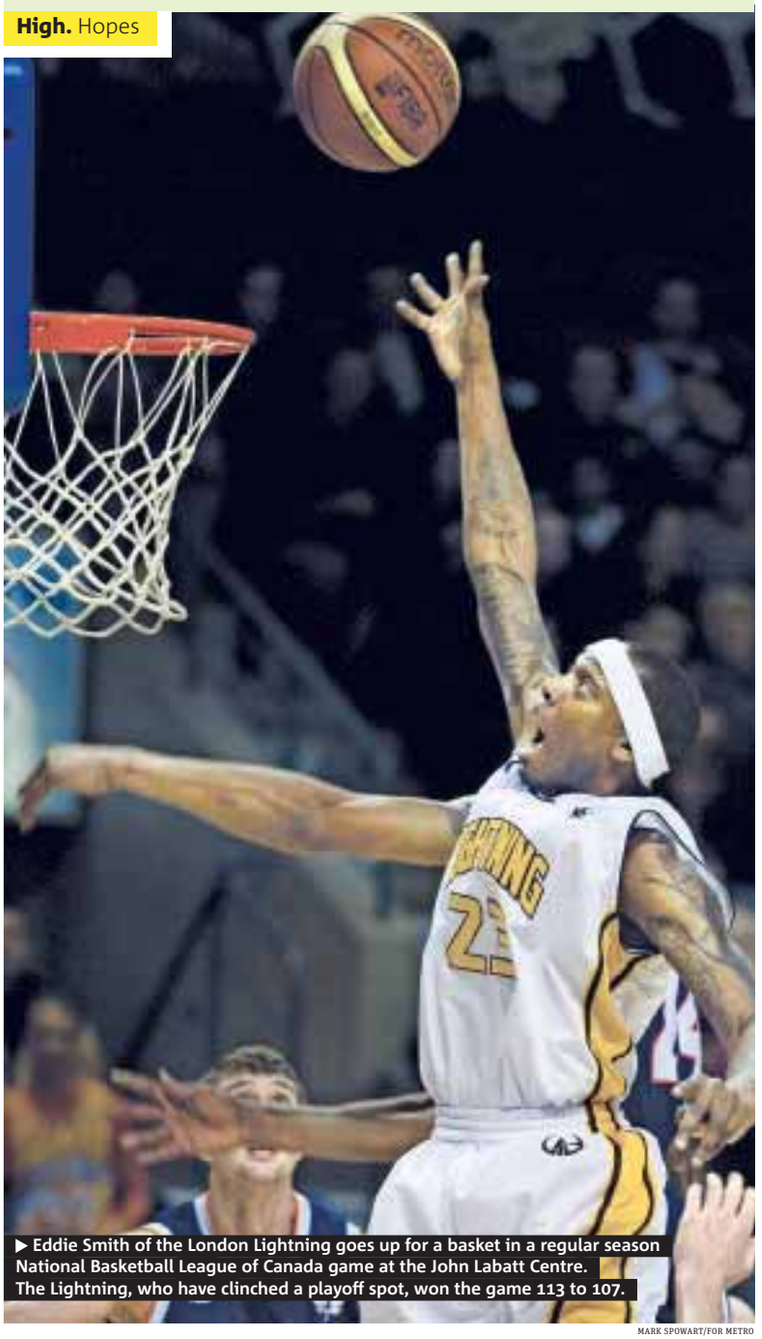
Coun. Nancy Branscombe didn't mince words Thursday.

"I don't buy that we can't provide the mandated services with some cut in operations money," she said. "We've asked everyone to pitch in … try to get us down as low as possible in terms of tax increases."

Committee members also heard from the London Police Services Board, which has a budget proposal of $500,000 — or 0.7 per cent — over what was requested.

That dollar figure includes hiring 15 frontline officers, something Chief Brad Duncan said he can't afford to brush off the table.

High. Hopes



▶ Eddie Smith of the London Lightning goes up for a basket in a regular season National Basketball League of Canada game at the John Labatt Centre. The Lightning, who have clinched a playoff spot, won the game 113 to 107.

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The Lightning reach for the top

Police union OKs new four-year contract

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London police officers would receive an 11.2 per cent wage increase over the life of a four-year contract, union administrator Dan Axford said. Union members voted 96.5 per cent in favour of the deal, with ballots cast Tuesday and Thursday. The proposal, which would be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2011, still has to be approved by the police services board. The London Police Association's 800 members have been without a contract since Dec. 31, 2010.

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Arbitration

▶ Arbitration was scheduled to begin Feb. 11.

News in brief

Anti-bullying crusader to speak

FREE ADMISSION. National anti-bullying crusader Cindy Gale is at St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church (1350 Huron St.) on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. Gale's teenage daughter committed suicide after being bullied at school. Please RSVP to 519-455-5788 by Feb. 11. METRO

Driver hits a triple whammy

CHARGES LAID. Police in St. Thomas say a 37-year-old motorist who hit a tree, pole and another vehicle with her father's truck blew three times over the legal blood-alcohol limit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Students take a stab at finding work at fair

- Western students, alumni get a chance to test their job-hunting skills
- Some used job fair to find internships or summer positions

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▶ Jen Hotop, a Target employee, looks over Western graduate Jenny Katsaris' resumé Thursday during a job fair at the university. Katsaris was one of more than 1,000 Western students and alumni who jumped at the chance to mix and mingle with representatives from nearly 60 companies.

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Adam Rooney can face the facts.

He took a bit of a sloughed-off approach to last year's job fair at Western.

"I didn't take it very serious," the 24-year-old Toronto native said.

Things were a bit different Thursday as Rooney — facing graduation in May — dug out his dress clothes and put his best foot forward to meet potential employers.

"The odds are you aren't going to find a job (at a fair)," he said. But taking "small stabs" at employment every time there's a chance increases the odds of coming out on top, Rooney said.

"The one thing about employers that come here is they've got something to offer you. And you have something to offer them. It's a good fit."

With the employment market tight, job and career fairs are among the best tools for students, said Jordanna DiGiacomi.

DiGiacomi, an employer relationship developer at Western's Student Success Centre, helped organize Thursday's event — one of three annual fairs aimed at helping students make the most of their education.

These days, making the right connections is a big part of finding a job, DiGiacomi said. In a way, she said, job fairs are like Networking 101.

"It's an opportunity to make that connection with an employer … and gain experience doing that," DiGiacomi said. You don't want to be just another person applying for a job, she added.

About 1,500 students and alumni generally attend Western's fairs.

Thursday's offerings included representatives from 58 businesses ranging from summer camps to Apple.

A sample

Some participants in Western's job fair were:

- Bruce Power
- City of London
- General Dynamics
- TD Bank
- GoodLife Fitness
- Frito Lay

Food bank demand hits new high

For the second straight month, demand at the London Food Bank has hit a record high.

Executive director Glen Pearson says about 3,660 families used the food bank in January, about 100 more than in December when the previous record was set.

The new high comes a day after London city council made a plea to the federal government to provide Employment Insurance benefits to locked-out workers at Electro-Motive and Pearson says some of those workers have now turned to the food bank for help.

"Just before Christmas all the Electro-Motive people got together and gave this really huge donation to the food bank and a lot of those people who donated are now on the line and going to be coming to us," Pearson said. **AM980/AM980.CA**

"It seems like the increase is steady … and we're worried about that." GLEN PEARSON

Home fire may have led cops to grow-op

Firefighters battling a house fire in north London on Thursday appear to have discovered a marijuana grow-operation inside.

The discovery was made shortly after emergency crews responded to a home on Lindisfarne Road, off Sunningdale, near Richmond and Fanshawe Park Road around 8:20 a.m.

Nobody was home at the time, and the flames, seen shooting from the second floor, were extinguished in less than an hour.

London police were guarding the scene and had not confirmed the presence of any illegal activity inside the home, despite earlier comments from firefighters inside.

Neighbours who spoke with AM980 say they assumed the house was a rental unit as they rarely saw the people who lived there. **AM980/AM980.CA**

Musician to play double duty

Conductor and trumpeter Daniel Warren works both sides of the podium Sunday at Orchestra London's Music for Stage and Screen, part of the Pops series at Centennial Hall.

Warren will conduct and perform trumpet solos for three works at a concert including music from Harry Potter, The Lord of the Rings, Out of Africa and A Little Night Music.

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Don't get EI hopes up: Holder

▶ Ed Holder

One of London's Tory MPs is weighing into the debate over Employment Insurance for locked-out workers at Electro-Motive.

Earlier this week, London city council decided to ask Ottawa to bend the rules to let 450 Canadian Auto Workers members receive compensation while they're on the picket line.

London West MP Ed Holder says the rules surrounding the benefits have been the same since 1940 and they're clear: striking workers and those who are locked out aren't eligible.

Holder says EI is meant to be equally accessible to all, made so by the premiums employers and workers pay. If strikes and lockouts were included, he says rates would necessarily go up. **AM980/AM980.CA**

Athanasiou battles well with top prospects

- Knights remain top-ranked team in CHL's weekly poll
- London hosts Niagara, Mississauga this weekend

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"There was some (nerves) at the start, but I think I did a good job of putting them aside and going out there and playing my game," London Knights forward Andreas Athanasiou said Thursday from Kelowna, B.C., site of the CHL Top Prospects game.

It can be an intimidating experience for any player: Sharing the ice with the best draft-eligible prospects in the country while NHL scouts watch from on high, dissecting your every move.

Oh, and Pat Quinn is standing behind your bench as the head coach of Team Orr.

"He gave us a little bit of advice. He's a good coach, obviously, great resumé with all the winning he's done," Athanasiou, 17, said.

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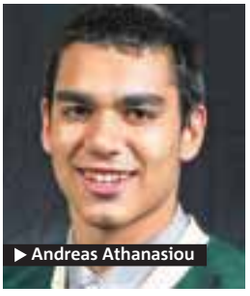

▶ Andreas Athanasiou

Typically, when top players are brought together, a game will have the intensity of a glorified shinny session. The prospects game is a different animal.

"I knew coming in that it was going to be a big battle," he said. "I couldn't think of it as anything less than a normal game — if anything, you have to go out there and play harder."

The Woodbridge, Ont., native (16 goals and 12 assists in 44 games this season) was held off the scoresheet in a 2-1 Team Orr victory, but feels his performance made the scouts take notice.

"I think I played really well," Athanasiou said. "I had to play left wing, which isn't my natural position, but I still created a lot of chances."

Athanasiou says the experience in Kelowna will bolster his confidence for the stretch run back in London with the Knights.

Check out AA's slick moves

Andreas Athanasiou also participated in the skills competition on Tuesday night in the run-up to the CHL Top Prospects game, suiting up for the breakaway challenge contest.

Unfortunately, he was undone by a slick puck.

"I messed up on my moves, so it was a little frustrating," he said.

He was able to redeem himself on the web the next day, when some of his tricks with puck and stick were filmed and posted online.

To see Athanasiou in action, visit http://video.nhl.com/videocenter and search for Athanasiou. METRO

▶ Premier Dalton McGuinty

MCGUINTY DISPUTES DEFICIT PREDICTION

Ontario's premier is disputing a Conference Board of Canada prediction his province will be unable to balance its budget for a decade as economic growth slows and government revenues drop.

The Ottawa-based economic think-tank said Thursday its analysis suggests Ontario will need to rein in health-care cost increases if it wants to balance the books by 2022, because potential sustainable economic growth for Ontario is dropping to 1.9 per cent a year.

The Ontario government has said it plans to eliminate its annual fiscal deficit — projected to hit $16 billion this year — by 2017-18, based on program-spending growth of 1.7 per cent per year over the next seven years.

And McGuinty, when asked Thursday at an event in Kitchener, said the Liberals are still on track. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Fingers pointed in citizenship gaffe

Kenney blames bureaucrats for misleading ceremony Minister's office apologizes on air to Sun News

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney and the Sun News Network are laying the blame for a misleading televised citizenship ceremony squarely on the shoulders of federal civil servants.

The Canadian Press reported Thursday that six federal bureaucrats were drafted to pose as new Canadians for a reaffirmation ceremony broadcast on the TV channel last October.

Kenney's office had asked the department to organize the event on short notice, adding it to the 60 events bureaucrats had planned for Canada's Citizenship Week.

The co-hosts of the show, who say they were unaware of the presence of the stand-in immigrants, repeatedly referred to the group of 10 as "new Canadians" who had "finally" received their citizenship.

A reaffirmation ceremony, however, is an opportunity for existing Canadians to retake their oath.

Kenney blamed the incident on "logistical" problems.

"I became aware that in a reaffirmation ceremony last year following logistical problems that the situation was poorly handled," Kenney said in the House of Commons.

"I regret that, but that in no way should undermine the importance and value of special reaffirmation ceremonies which we encourage all Canadians to participate in."

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▶ Alleged private citizens participate in a citizenship-reaffirmation ceremony in this photo posted on the immigration department's Twitter feed. Six federal bureaucrats were drafted to pose as new Canadians for the ceremony set up for the Sun News Network.

What happened

Documents released to The Canadian Press under access-to-information legislation show bureaucrats tried to convince Kenney's office and Sun News to abandon the ceremony idea.

- Kenney's office wound up asking the department to organize a simple reaffirmation ceremony.
- Kenney spokesman Kasra Nejatian said that at one point the minister's office had signalled the event would be cancelled for lack of participation, but that it was kept in play when bureaucrats insisted they had found 11 people to attend.
- Only three of those people showed up. But the show went on — featuring at least six federal bureaucrats.

Ombudsman calls for more rights for crime victims

The federal ombudsman for crime victims says they should have a right to attend parole hearings and get more information about the offenders who preyed on them.

Sue O'Sullivan also says the federal government should double the $100 surcharge levelled against criminals to finance restitution for victims. She says that surcharge is routinely waived in the courts, but should be made mandatory.

O'Sullivan's report notes crime victims now may attend parole hearings, but are limited to reading a pre-approved statement.

She says they should have an automatic right to attend and should be given the option of video-conferencing or access to transcripts or recordings if they cannot attend in person.

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MPs wear seal pins in support of hunt

The federal fisheries minister joined members of Parliament in showing their support for Canada's embattled sealing industry by wearing a lapel pin Thursday.

Keith Ashfield said the centuries-old commercial sealing industry is important to Canada's northern and eastern regions.

"Not only is it a humane and sustainable industry, it's also an industry that provides an important food source for our northern communities," he said during a brief ceremony on Parliament Hill.

In December, the federal government confirmed that the world's largest buyer of Canadian seal products — the Russian Federation — had banned importing harp-seal pelts. The European Union banned importing seal products in 2010.

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▶ Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Keith Ashfield tries on a seal skin jacket during the Northern Lights 2012 Business & Cultural Showcase in Ottawa on Thursday.

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▶ Punxsutawney Phil in Philadelphia.

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▶ A reveller waits on Wiarton Willie.

▶ Shubenacadie Sam in Nova Scotia.

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▶ Wiarton Willie in Ontario.

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Six more weeks of what?

LOOKING FOR WINTER. Canada's groundhogs say the end of winter is just around the corner, and meteorologists agree that the country's furry forecasters are predicting the end of something that hasn't even begun.

Unseasonably warm temperatures from coast to coast have made winter a non-event for most Canadians, weather experts say, adding the unusual conditions have stymied their prognostications for months.

"The one thing uniting all Canadians right now is the question of 'Where's winter?' We're almost sending a search party looking for it," said Environment Canada senior climatologist David Phillips.

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No shadow = early spring

OPTIMISTS. Among the groundhogs calling for an early spring on Groundhog Day were Ontario's Wiarton Willie and Nova Scotia's prognosticating rodent Shubenacadie Sam, neither of whom saw their shadows when they emerged on Thursday morning.

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Shadow = six more weeks of winter

NAYSAYERS. Manitoba's woodchuck, Winnipeg Willow, is siding with Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil, who is calling for six more weeks of winter.

Willow was so startled at all the attention, she tucked her face into her handler's jacket, and failed — as a result of not looking — to see her shadow.

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▶ An Egyptian protester wearing a gas mask flashes a victory sign during protests near the interior ministry in downtown Cairo on Thursday. Clashes erupted in the Egyptian capital between protesters and police after violence killed 74 people following a soccer game.

Egyptians protest soccer-riot deaths

Police force remains a source of tension, accused of using heavy-handed tactics and resisting reform

Security forces clashed Thursday with stone-throwing protesters enraged by the failure of police to prevent a soccer riot that killed 74 people, as sports violence spiraled into a new political crisis for Egypt.

The deaths Wednesday night in a post-match stadium riot in the Mediterranean city of Port Said fueled anger at Egypt's ruling military and the already widely distrusted police forces. Many in the public and in the newly elected parliament blamed the leadership for letting it happen — whether from a lack of control or, as some alleged, on purpose.

388
Egypt's health ministry said 388 protesters were injured, most overcome by tear gas.

Survivors of the riot described a nightmarish scene in the stadium. Police stood by doing nothing, they said, as fans of the winning home team, Al-Masry, attacked supporters of the top Cairo club, Al-Ahly, stabbing them and throwing them off bleachers.

The network of zealous Al-Ahly soccer fans, known as Ultras, vowed vengeance, accusing the police of intentionally letting rivals attack them because they have been among the most aggressive of Egypt's revolutionaries.

About 10,000 people marched Thursday on the Cairo headquarters of the Interior Ministry, which oversees the security forces.

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LEGAL LOOPHOLE

Millionaire adopts girlfriend

In legal twist a judge calls "border(ing) on the surreal," a millionaire polo club founder in Florida has adopted his 42-year-old girlfriend to allegedly protect his wealth from a wrongful death lawsuit.

John Goodman, 48, is facing a civil suit launched by the parents of a 23-year-old man killed in a car crash in Wellington, Fla., in 2010, according to the Palm Beach Post.

The lawsuit states Goodman had a blood alcohol level double Florida's legal driving limit at the time of the Feb. 12, 2010 crash that killed Scott Patrick Wilson.

Last October, Goodman legally made Heather Laruso Hutchins, his girlfriend of about two years, his daughter. The move gives her immediate access to a third of a trust fund set up for his two children — a fund Goodman cannot access himself.

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White House defends birth-control order

The Obama administration scrambled Thursday to contain a growing outcry over its decision that church-affiliated employers must cover birth control regardless of their religious principles.

Under the health care overhaul law, most employers and insurance plans will have to cover birth control free of charge as preventive care for women.

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Syria draft resolution gains ground at UN

Unclear whether changes will be enough to garner support from Russia, which can still veto the proposal

Western ambassadors on the UN Security Council on Thursday embraced a revised resolution aimed at stopping the bloodshed in Syria and predicted rapid approval after removal of an explicit demand that President Bashar Assad step aside.

The latest draft, obtained by The Associated Press, still "fully supports" the Arab League's Jan. 22 decision to "facilitate a political transition leading to a democratic, plural political system."

But it removes a clause calling for Assad to hand power to a deputy before a new government is created.

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▶ Bashar Assad

British Ambassador Mark Lyall Grant and French Ambassador Gerard Araud said they expected that a final version could be ready for a vote as early as Friday.

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice was less optimistic. "This is still tough going, very much so," she said.

Russian Ambassador Vitaly Churkin did not comment on the revised text as he entered the meeting.

In an apparent effort to overcome Russian objections, the new version of the resolution no longer includes the explicit reference to Assad delegating his powers.

It also removes language calling for a new national unity government and for transparent, free elections — also important parts of the Arab peace plan.

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Gaza. Dissent

▶ Palestinians demonstrate before the arrival of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at the Erez checkpoint in the northern Gaza Strip on Thursday.

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UN visit put on pause by protest

Protesters threw shoes, sand and small stones at the secretary general's convoy, which was briefly held up before continuing on to Khan Yunis. The incident cast a shadow over Ban Ki-moon's visit, meant to draw attention to humanitarian issues.

Cuba cracks down on corruption

Cuban authorities are summoning bureaucrats and Communist Party members to watch a video about corruption investigations as President Raul Castro's government signals that it's serious about cracking down on graft.

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Secret U.S. no-fly list doubles

The Obama administration has more than doubled, to about 21,000 names, its secret list of suspected terrorists who are banned from flying to or within the United States, including about 500 Americans, the Associated Press has learned.

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Colombia bombing kills six

Assailants in pickup trucks fired homemade mortars at a police station in Villa Rica, Colombia, on Thursday, killing at least six people and wounding more than 20, the regional police chief said, noting it was too early to assign blame.

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Eastern Europe trapped by snow

Death toll rises as killer cold and blizzards leave thousands stranded Temperatures reach -30 C

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A man shovels snow in Milan, Italy.

At least 11,000 villagers have been trapped by heavy snow and blizzards in Serbia's mountains, authorities said Thursday, as the death toll from Eastern Europe's weeklong deep freeze rose to 123, many of them homeless people.

The harshest winter in decades has seen temperatures in some regions dropping to -30 C and below, and has caused power outages, traffic chaos and the widespread closure of schools, nurseries and airports.

Those stranded in Serbia are stuck in some 6,500 homes in remote areas that cannot be reached due to icy, snow-clogged roads with banks reaching up to five metres. Emergency crews were pressing hard to try to clear the snow to deliver badly needed supplies, and helicopters were dispatched to some particularly remote areas in Serbia and neighbouring Bosnia.

On Bosnia's Mt. Romanija, near Sarajevo, a chopper thumped down in the small hamlet of Ozerkovici, where a single nun lives in a Serb Christian Orthodox monastery surrounded by just a few villagers.

Wrapped tight in a black jacket and a scarf, Sister Justina greeted aid workers at her monastery: "I live alone here," she said, adding "God will help me."

In Serbia, relief efforts are concentrated on evacuating the sick, on food delivery and gasoline distribution.

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Daily cuppa. Politics

A barista creates a portrait of billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov in Moscow.

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A sweeter side of Putin

The portraits of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and other Russian presidential candidates adorn cups of cappuccino at a Moscow coffee house. Massive protests in December cast a challenge to Putin's bid to extend his 12-year rule by reclaiming the presidency in March's election.

EU rules demand Assange be extradited: Lawyer

Sweden's public prosecutor was right to demand the return of Julian Assange, a lawyer told Britain's Supreme Court Thursday, saying that failing to hand over the activist would break with precedent and wreck European extradition rules.

Clare Montgomery, the lawyer for Sweden's prosecution service, struck back at Assange's legal team's argument that only impartial authorities such as a judge can properly issue European arrest warrants.

"The English notion of an arrest warrant issued by a court is very much an exception," she said. warning later that if the U.K. Supreme Court insisted only honouring judge-issued warrants "it would make it impossible for possibly eight, possibly more European partners," to extradite suspected criminals.

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Facebook public stock not just for anyone

Shares to trade publicly in about 3 months Limited supply, healthy demand likely to raise stock's value

Canadian Facebook fans may share everything, from pictures of their meals to engagement announcements on the site, but they're unlikely to get in on its long-anticipated initial public stock offering.

It's often difficult to scoop up shares before they're listed on a public market and given the hype surrounding Facebook Inc.'s IPO, it's going to be harder for average investors to get shares at the initial price.

John O'Connell, CEO at money manager Davis Rea, says "99.9 per cent of Canadians aren't going to get any Facebook on the IPO."

The company's underwriters, who dole out the shares, grant access to the biggest of Canadian players. There are few Canadians or Canadian firms wealthy enough to have an account at the American investment behemoths Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs.

"They're only going to give it to their biggest, best client and even they're going to get very, very small amounts," O'Connell said.

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▶ Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg smiles during a meeting in San Francisco in this Oct. 15, 2011, file photo.

Shares or not?

- **Facebook said in its** 200-page statement that it plans to raise an initial $5 billion US by selling a portion of its shares.
- **Depending on reaction to the IPO,** the company could be valued at $100 billion or even more.
- **An initial offering price** will be determined by the level of investor interest, but it's estimated to be between $30 to $35 per share.
- **That would mean about** 67 million shares in circulation, which scarcely covers the intense demand for the world's biggest social networking website.

Britain's oldest paper takes spotlight at Murdoch scandal inquiry

Police are investigating alleged email interception by Rupert Murdoch's Times of London, a British lawmaker said Thursday — dragging Britain's oldest national newspaper into the broadening scandal over press wrongdoing.

The country's media ethics inquiry has summoned the newspaper's editor to answer questions about the claims.

Labour Party legislator Tom Watson, who helped lift the lid on tabloid phone hacking, released a letter from police confirming they were investigating alleged email hacking by the Times. Watson, a member of Parliament's culture, media and sport committee, had written to police asking them to take up the issue.

The letter from Det. Supt. John Levett, head of the force's computer-hacking investigation, is dated Jan. 25, and tells Watson that "the concerns raised within your letters are under investigation and officers ... are dealing directly with the victim."

The 226-year-old Times has acknowledged that a former reporter tried to intercept emails in 2009 to unmask an anonymous policeman who blogged as NightJack. Editor James Harding told the media ethics inquiry last month that the reporter had acted on his own and had been reprimanded. The paper later published the blogger's name, but Harding insisted it had been obtained legally.

London's Metropolitan Police confirmed Thursday that computer hacking investigators "are in contact with Mr. Watson in relation to specific issues he wishes to raise." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New WestJet carrier to draw more traffic

The new short-haul carrier WestJet Airlines Ltd., is considering operating separately from the main airline, CEO Gregg Saretsky said Thursday. The move would benefit the network, as it would draw more passengers from smaller destinations into major hubs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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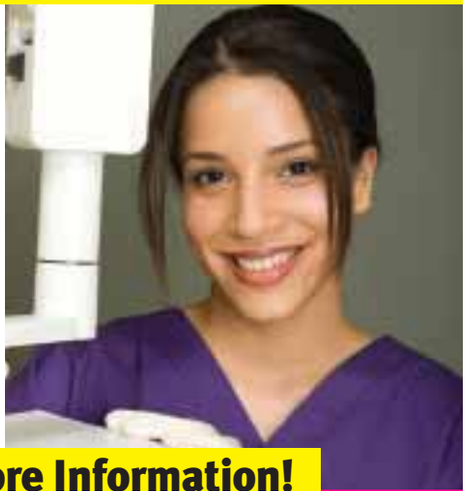

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1 **Super (Ad) Bowl:** The big game is this Sunday between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants, but what 150 million-plus viewers will **really** be watching are the multimillion-dollar TV ads. As for the game? I've got the Giants by three.

2 **I Hate Everyone:** No, not me. It's a new book by Matthew DiBenedetti called I Have Everyone, which covers everything "from rich people who are dicks, to guys named Rich who go by Dick." Sounds like a book you'll hate to love. Or love to hate. Also follow him on Twitter @whatihatetoday. Sample tweet: "I HATE when my DVR cuts off the last 30 seconds of the show." Amen, brother.

3 **'Destroy America' tweet:** Two British friends were detained by Homeland Security after landing in L.A. for a vacay for tweeting they would "destroy America." The pair said "destroy" is slang for partying, but it was to no avail. They were refused entry to the U.S. No word on whether they watched Team America on the plane ride back to Britain the next day.

4 **The River:** ABC's new paranormal drama about a doctor (played by Canada's Bruce Greenwood) who goes missing deep in the Amazon debuts next Tuesday and is being called one of the scariest shows. Ever. Definitely one of the most hyped. They already have 200,000 fans on their Facebook page, and the show hasn't even started.

5 **PJs go outside:** With pyjamas as outdoor wear becoming a worldwide trend, clothing companies are stocking up on comfy apparel that's taking the indoors out. Some cities and school districts are trying to ban PJs as outdoor wear while others ask what the big deal is. I'm not sure how to feel about this. I need to sleep on it ... in my jeans and plaid shirt.

6 **Facebook IPO:** Facebook, which has a valuation of somewhere between $75 and $100 billion, is filing the necessary papers to allow it to go public. FB has more than 800 million users, or one-seventh of the world's entire population. When there is a Facebook IPO, its employees are going to be stinking rich. Is it too late to apply for an internship, Mr. Zuckerberg?

7 **Tennis's near-six-hour marathon:** In an Australian Open final that was just as exhausting to watch, Serbia's Novak Djokovic defeated Spain's Rafael Nadal 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-5 in an epic, five-hour, 53-minute match — the longest Grand Slam singles final in tennis's open era. The next time my best-of-three doubles Ping-Pong match goes to a final set, I won't complain.

8 **I Mother Earth:** The Canadian alt-rock band recently ended an eight-year hiatus by announcing they were playing a one-off show at The Sound Academy in Toronto in March. This week they tweeted out @IMENation2012 that "IME sells out @soundacademy 5 hrs into public sale." As they asked on their IME blog, "The question now becomes: What do we do next?" A tour!?

9 **My wife = 40:** My amazing wife, Christi, said no surprises on her birthday. So I'm not going to surprise her at all by wishing her a happy 40th birthday (it's on Feb. 8) in a newspaper column that goes across Canada. No way.

Follow Neil Morton on Twitter (@neilmorton).

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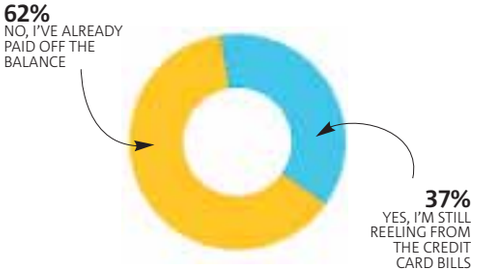
Are you among the 31 per cent who overspent during the holidays, according to an RBC survey?



Local tweets

- **@Servant-Heart72:** Woke up to house next door burning down - no one was home. Our fire fighters are amazing heroes! #ldnont
- **@westernfammed:** We're all looking forward to an early spring #goodnews #ldnont
- **@jordanbsimmons:** I tell you what, let's run a train track right through the middle of the city and have trains go through at rush hour. Great plan! #LdnOnt
- **@Richard_Dew:** So far in 2012, a groundhog has provided more good news than the mayor of my hometown. #ldnont
- **@MelizzyFoShizzy:** Never had someone actually put their backpack on me on the bus. It was so weird I didn't know if I should laugh or be mad #ltc #uwo
- **@ClarkeBug:** Respect to the girl longboarding to class this with bare legs #uwo
- **@SamAukema:** Lots of cute guys around today at #fanshawe ;)
- **@JessiBurk:** "when Western students go out Fridays, they go out seriously. then they get up around 10pm and go out hard again Saturday." - prof. L #uwo

Daily Zoom

DENNIS HAVEL/NEWSTEAM

Waterproof bullet

Moment bullet caught droplet

PHOENICIA, NEW YORK. Here's a shutterbug who can catch bullets! This is a stunning image by a retired police officer who has captured a gun pellet flying through a falling water drop. Dennis Havel, 63, took on this seemingly impossible task after one of his friends bet him $50 he couldn't do it. MWN

"I'm not an expert photographer — it was more of a mathematics and physics thing."

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PHYSICS. It wasn't a knack for firearms that helped Havel get the desired shot. He had to calculate how long the droplet would take to fall 33 centimetres as the pellet was firing across. "I have a timer set so it fires the flash a couple of thousands of seconds after the drop is released," he said. MWN

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metres per second — the speed of the flying pellet. After a valve has released the droplet through an infrared sensor that triggered the gun and the flash, the whole process took 28 milliseconds.

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Synopsis

- Daniel Radcliffe plays lawyer Arthur Kipps. Leaving his son behind in London, the widower travels to a remote English village to settle the affairs of Alice Drablow. Ms. Drablow may have shuffled off this mortal coil but the locals are convinced she still haunts her old house. Worse, because she still mourns her son Nathaniel, a toddler who drowned on her estate, whenever she is seen, a village child dies.
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕⊕
  Mark: ⊕⊕½

HANDOUT

▶ Daniel Radcliffe stars as lawyer Arthur Kipps in The Woman in Black.

Paint it black

Radcliffe goes up against supernatural again and does a good job, too
Our reviewers deem the film a 'masterpiece of atmospheric dread'

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

Richard: Mark, I really like haunted house movies and as haunted houses go, this is a doozy. It's remote, old and rambling. Doorknobs turn by themselves, faces appear in windows and there are stuffed monkeys and creepy Victorian children's wind-up toys everywhere. With toys like this to play with it's a wonder Victorian kids weren't scared half-out-of-their-minds all the time. Did this movie creep you out?

Mark: Creep me out? Definitely. The movie is a masterpiece of atmospheric dread. It's not so much about what happens on-screen, but what is about to happen onscreen. Let's face it, there's something creepy about Victorians to begin with. Did it scare me? No, I just don't have a fear of the supernatural. And although I loved the look and feel of the film, with its peeling paint and fog that you can sense at the nape of your neck, the creaky plot, reminiscent of those remakes of Japanese ghost films of the mid-90's, did not excite me. But let's talk about the 800 lb wizard in the room, Mr Radcliffe. Richard, was this film a good choice for him?

RC: Well, once again Radcliffe finds himself butting heads with the supernatural. It's not exactly Harry Potter Meets the Woman in Black, but it's almost as entertaining and I think it will act as a smooth transition from child star to adult. He's giving people what they want, a heroic figure, like Harry, but one with added dimensions — he's a widower and a troubled soul who finds a new lease on life through adversity. A smallish gothic horror film might not have been the obvious choice for Radcliffe's coming out party, but it was a good one.

MB: I'm glad he chose a film so very British to do; it keeps him true to his roots. But if there's any doubt we're dealing with a true star whose talents will last, it's Radcliffe's 20 minute dialogue-free set piece in the middle of the movie. He holds our attention with only his physical presence and expressions. Impressive, don't you think?

RC: He really anchors the film. It's difficult not to see Harry Potter in his face but here he takes a good stride to step away from the typecasting of his most successful role.

MB: Loved Radcliffe, loved the meticulous direction; just wished the storyline weren't so thin and derivative

2 scene

Scene in brief

The upcoming remaking of 21 Jump Street will premiere as the centrepiece of Austin's South by Southwest Film Conference and Festival. The action-comedy stars Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum in a big screen version of the 1980s Johnny Depp TV series. It will screen March 12 at SXSW, which runs March 9-17.

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W.E. stars say critics being harsh on film because Madonna directed it

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			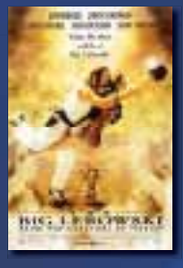
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Chronicle
Genre: Drama
Director: Josh Trank
Stars: Dane DeHaan, Alex Russell, Michael B. Jordan
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First-time director Josh Trank takes a genre that was quickly careening into gimmick territory — the found-footage/POV style of Cloverfield — and injects new life into it with his debut, Chronicle.

Of course, it helps that one of his three teenage main characters, outcast Andrew (Dane DeHaan) is something of a cinephile and obsessive self-documentarian, which means a distinct lack of shaky camerawork for Andrew.

And it further helps that Andrew and his pals (Alex Russell and Michael B. Jordan) develop telekinetic powers after a run-in with a mysterious glowing object buried under a field. Before long, Andrew realizes he can control his camera with his mind.

The story, as well, is a refreshing take on old territory — what happens when everyday people develop superpowers.

Only here, there are no spandex suits or sense of community service. Apparently, with great power really comes great mischief and petty retribution. It's a more believable depiction of teenagers' lives turning into comic books, and more enjoyable. NED EHRBAR

Big Miracle
Genre: Romantic drama
Director: Ken Kwapis
Stars: Drew Barrymore, John Krasinski
⊕⊕⊕½

Based on a global attempt to save three whales caught in the Arctic ice in 1988, Big Miracle combines schmaltzy, feel-good, pro-environmental fare with a surprisingly complex, entertaining cast of characters.

As the giant mammals attract international interest, everyone from activists (Drew Barrymore) to oil executives join together for the cause.

It'd all be excessively campy except for the film's self-awareness and slight hand at delivering some genuine suspense and fun.
STEVE GOW

Johnson tackles franchises

His latest movie role takes him to Mysterious Island in Journey 2

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With Journey 2: the Mysterious Island, Dwayne Johnson steps into a franchise already in progress — something he's making a habit of after last year's Fast Five and this summer's G.I. Joe: Retribution. And it's a habit the former wrestler is more than happy with, as it's earned him quite a unique nickname.

Once again, you're coming into a franchise that's already up and running. Is this part of a particular career plan?
No, it was never a career decision to join franchises. What was a very concerted decision was to come into a film and elevate it.

And I've got to tell you, this is where I've been fortunate because the franchises that I have been involved with — G.I. Joe, Fast Five and now Journey — had a built-in audience, built-in success, gave me the opportunity to create a character that no one had seen ... create a character from scratch, essentially, to come in and elevate. And come in and kick ass. And I like that.

A studio executive the other day said, "You are the most legitimate Franchise Viagra in Hollywood I've ever seen."

You're one of the savviest actors working, in terms of choosing projects. It seems like you understand the business of Hollywood a lot better than other actors. Where do you think that comes from?
I think, honestly, I'm going to give a lot of credit to the business I grew up in, and that was the business of professional wrestling.

While it may not be everyone's cup of tea — understandably so — in its rawest essence, wrestling is about entertaining the audiences without ego. Now in wrestling, there are incredibly large, inflated egos, as you know, but you put your ego aside and have that notion in mind of what is going to entertain the audiences.

So I think in that spirit, that's allowed me to go from being the Tooth Fairy to a hunter of men.

You've worked before with Brendan Frasier, who starred in the first film but didn't return for this one. Did you get a chance to talk to him before taking on the role?
Good question, but no, we never had any dialogue. I didn't get a chance to talk to Brendan.

I know that the studio came to me and they were clear in their vision for the movie in terms of "we want to reboot this franchise and we want you to star in it."

There was a lot of work that had to be done because, you know, Brendan has a certain style that works for him — and audiences love that, by the way. And the success of the first movie proved that.

But I have a much different style from Brendan, so it required some work from the ground up.

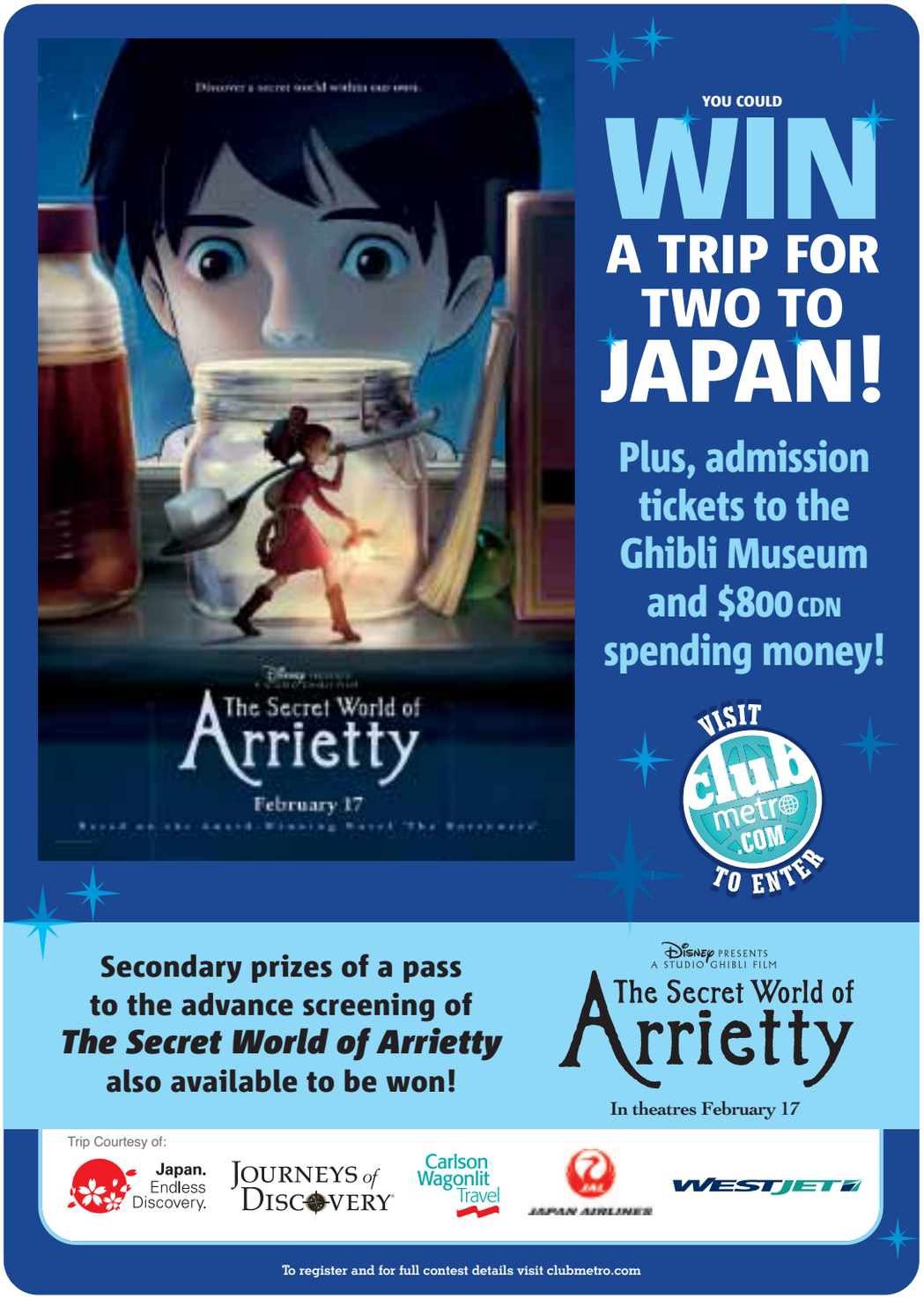
I got the feeling if Luis Guzman's character hadn't been in the movie, you would've gotten a lot more goo on you.
Well, that's how committed Luis Guzman is. But to be frank and honest with you, he's such a committed actor and he has a method approach to acting that is second to none, which is why he insisted on having a bucket of real bird s— thrown on him. And that's what it was, so I'm telling you and Metro the big secret. It's real bird s—. But they were albino pigeons, which makes it just slightly better."

HANDOUT

▶ Dwayne Johnson stars in Journey 2: Mysterious Island.

Ultimate action

"When I was younger, I wished I saw [Sylvester] Stallone and [Arnold] Schwarzenegger, in their prime, in a movie. Even [Jean-Claude] Van Damme and [Steven] Seagal. But I never wanted them to be buddies. I wanted to see them go at it," said Johnson.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Lenny Kravitz paints his positive pictures

Nine albums and 20 years later, the American rock icon hasn't lost his hippie ideals ◐ Remains idealistic in his approach to overcoming hurdles

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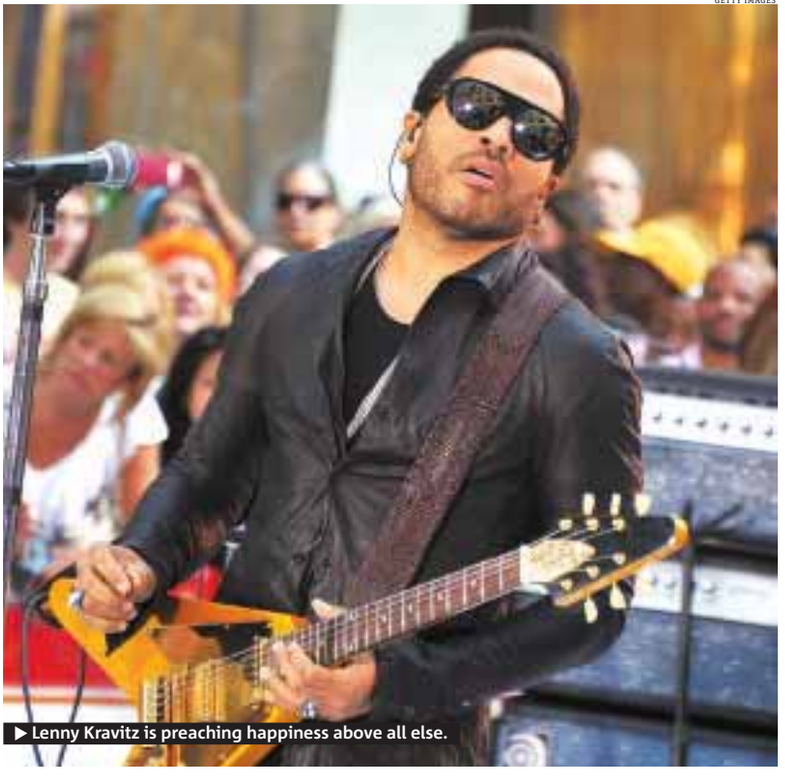

▶ Lenny Kravitz is preaching happiness above all else.

You might think that by his ninth album of new songs, Lenny Kravitz would have strayed from the hippie ideals that put him on the musical map more than 20 years ago. But Black and White America is an unabashedly idealistic collection of songs with sentiments like "the future looks as though it has come around" and "I'm gonna push the clouds away," as well as titles like, Life Ain't Ever Been Better Than It Is Now. Really?

"It's a choice; it's a way of life," says the singer of his optimism.

"There are moments when you are tested, and there are obstacles that you need to deal with, but I just try to stay positive. I believe that life is good, for the most part."

Hard worker

Multiple projects

▶ **Albums** Kravitz is currently working on two albums — a rock 'n' roll project and a raw funk album called Negrophilia that he's been tooling with for years.

But surely there must be times when the modern world intrudes upon this Utopia?

"Regardless of what's going on in the world, I have the choice on how to control my body, control my thoughts — and that's one of the only real controls that we have," he says.

"Because the rest of it, we don't know what the hell's going on, what we're told, what the dude says, how the government acts. … So I try to wake up every day and be thankful and try to enjoy my day as much as possible."

The singer seems to be doing just that. When he answers the phone, he is in his home recording studio in the Bahamas.

"Most days I tend to go into the studio," he says. "I'm always recording. If I had a record deal or not, I'd still be recording. It's part of my day, to make music."

David Milch of Deadwood returns with an equally macho series — this one about horse racing

Off to the races

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You don't need to understand the intricacies of horse racing to realize just how much love Luck creator David Milch has for the sport.

The fictionalized details of life at Santa Anita Park in Southern California unfold with deliberate care and nuance in the new HBO drama.

Viewers might not know how a "pick six" bet is placed, but they certainly understand that a group of down-on-their-luck gamblers have pinned desperate hope on that bet — a wager that reverberates from the track office down to the stables.

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▶ Writer/creator/executive producer David Milch, left, and executive producer/director Michael Mann arrive at the premiere of Luck in Los Angeles last week.

"It's an act of faith," Milch says of his throw-the-viewer-into-that-world style. His previous series, Deadwood, was equally obtuse.

"Your fundamental responsibility is to stay true to the deepest nature and intention of the materials. And that's what we did."

A powerhouse support team brings Milch's writing to life on Luck: Michael Mann serves as co-executive producer and director, and Dustin Hoffman and Nick Nolte head the cast. HBO has already renewed it for a second season.

"You want to do your best work," says Hoffman, who plays a formerly incarcerated horse owner with deep ties to the track.

"When you're lucky enough to work with heavyweight talent, there's no problem, most importantly, because they're not afraid of a suggestion," he says. "We are given the shot to do our best work, and I'm very thankful for that."

Their collaborative study on ambition, greed and vice unfolds at a smouldering pace — that is until race time, when the series bursts into pure adrenaline on the backs of a few magnificent beasts charging around the track.

Mann and Milch are reported to have feuded over the filming, with Milch banned from the set. If so, Milch says it's only helped the series.

"Michael's work in creating an atmosphere generated an entire second level of dialogue," he says of Mann's skill behind the camera. "[It] took a tremendous amount of the burden off of the demystifying of the world."

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▶ Dustin Hoffman

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DUSTIN HOFFMAN, ON HIS ROLE IN LUCK

The plot thickens on How I Met Your Mother

The mysteries that surround the CBS sitcom How I Met Your Mother extend to co-creator Craig Thomas' office on the Fox studio lot.

A white board on the wall that outlines the seventh season's episodes ends with Barney's wedding in the May finale. "— is the bride," the board says.

You never know who's going to walk in, and Thomas and partner Carter Bays hold tight to their secrets.

That will be a pivotal episode: Not only will the ultimate bachelor come off the market, but the show has revealed it's also the day that Ted meets his future bride — the mother that is the conceit upon which the entire show is built. That doesn't necessarily mean viewers will meet the mother in that episode, however. Stay tuned.

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▶ How I Met Your Mother has the youngest average audience on CBS's prime-time schedule.

This has been a big year for the comedy that launches CBS' Monday nights. Ratings are the best they've ever been, up 19 per cent over last season.

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Its been a rough day. I got up this morning, put on a shirt and a button fell off. I grabbed my briefcase and the handle came off. I'm afraid to go to the bathroom!
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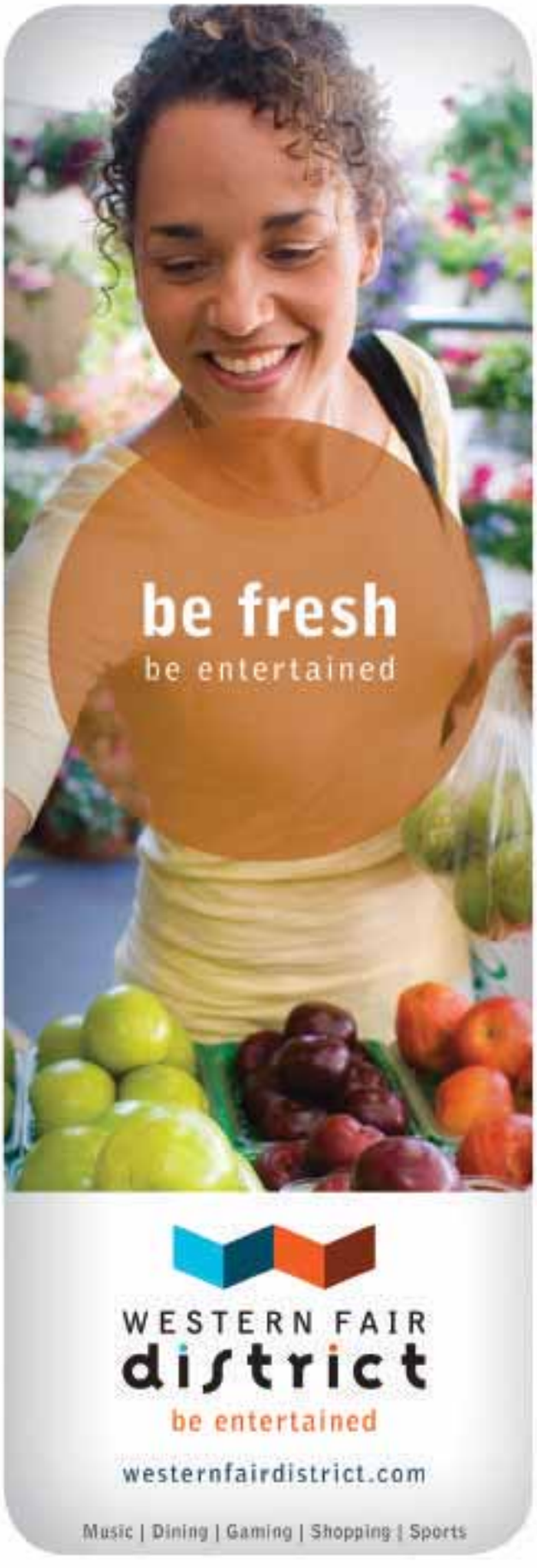

C'mon Demi, wasn't Ashton young enough?

Source claims hard-partying 49-year-old had her sights set on High School Musical star Zac Efron

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Demi Moore's recent hospitalization didn't quite come as a surprise to those who were close to her, reports Us Weekly.

It seems her split from Ashton Kutcher had her craving the company of a younger crowd that she wasn't equipped to keep up with.

"She's been really down, and she's surrounding herself with young people to make her feel better," a source tells the magazine.

"She's been mixing pills and Red Bulls, among other things."

We want to feel for Demi and her impossibly flawless 49-year-old skin.

After spending the past few years with Kutcher — who, although 33, seems to only own cargo pants and flip-flops — the transition to adulthood must be tough. But moving in on Zac Efron? Too far, lady. According to another source, she was pursuing the High School Musical star at a recent house party looking "wired and gaunt."

▶ Demi Moore

Listen, Demi: Inappropriately hitting on Zac Efron while tipsy is my deal — and I have The Word archives to prove it.

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Swapping out football beer

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Forgive me, football fans. This Sunday, I'll be more interested in whether Madonna can strut her way through halftime without a wardrobe malfunction than I'll be in who wins the Super Bowl.

Sadly, televised sporting events don't call for haute cuisine, so booze pairings can get pedestrian. A balanced ale or mass market lager beer make a good fallback position for manly junk food. The fun starts when trying to find an all-purpose wine to partner with those Super Bowl eatables.

The crisp, bubbly goodness of a drier sparkling wine (think a mid-priced Spaniard) goes well with salty snack foods like popcorn and potato chips.

If you're serving a plate of wings pour a glass of white, medium dry German riesling.

When it come to nachos, I prefer a white wine that emulates the refreshing qualities of a good brew. Familia Zuccardi's 2011 Fuzion Chenin Torrontés ($7.75 - $9.99) from Argentina is off-dry with a juicy blend of green fruit that ends with a lick of white pepper. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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Snack touchdown!

Enjoy a delicious treat from the both teams' hometown stadiums

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As a salute to Super Bowl competitors, the New York Giants and the New England Patriots, I've created recipes popular in both teams' stadiums.

New England Clam-Chowder Preparation:

1. Drain clams, reserving 1 1/4 cups (300 mL) of juice. Chop clams; set aside. Combine clam juice with bottled juice.
2. In pot, cook bacon over medium high heat, stirring 5 mins. or until crispy. Add onion, garlic and thyme; cook 3 mins. or until soft. Stir in sherry until evaporated. Stir in flour and cook 1 min, or until absorbed.
3. Add clam juice and bring to simmer, stirring until slightly thickened. Add potatoes and bay leaf. Cover and simmer gently 15 mins.
4. In saucepan, simmer cream with chopped clams, 5 mins. Remove from heat. Stir into potato mix; simmer 10 mins. for flavours to combine. Season with pepper.

Beer Braised NY Brisket Sandwic Preparation:

1. Scatter onions in roasting pan. Pour beer over top; sprinkle with garlic. Place beef on top.
2. In bowl, stir ketchup, horseradish, mustard, molasses, Worcestershire sauce, pepper; spread over brisket. Cover and braise in 325 F (160 C) oven 3 hrs. Remove to cutting board; slice. Whisk cornstarch into water.
3. Place roasting pan over medium high heat and bring to simmer. Stir in cornstarch mix and cook, stirring 1 min. or until slightly thickened. Return sliced beef to pan; toss with sauce. Serve on buns with cheese and peppers. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CHEF. VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.**

Shopping List:

Clam Chowder

- 2 cans (142 g drained each) clams
- 1 bottle (236 mL) clam juice
- 4 slices side bacon, chopped
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) fresh thyme
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) dry sherry
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) flour
- 3 potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 cups (500 mL) 5% cream
- Ground black pepper

Beer Braised Brisket Sandwich

- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1 bottle of beer (330 mL)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) each ketchup and horseradish
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) molasses
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp (5 mL) Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) black pepper
- 1 boneless beef brisket
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) cornstarch
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) water
- 12 peperoncini peppers, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) shredded smoked mozzarella
- 6 large buns, halved

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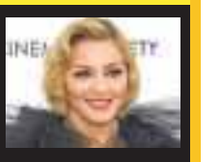
Celeb spotting



Indiana – a sports mecca, yes, but celeb magnet? Not so much. That will soon change with this weekend's Super Bowl entertainment and parties.

Madonna will be there. Alec Baldwin is hosting the NFL Honors, featuring stars like Lenny Kravitz; Snoop Dogg, Nas and J. Cole are expected to perform at various parties; Steven Tyler and Carrie Underwood are performing; and Late Night With Jimmy Fallon will broadcast after the Super Bowl with scheduled guests Tracy Morgan, Taylor Lautner, Tim Tebow and Maroon 5's Adam Levine.

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Rocco DiSpirito lightens up Buffalo Popcorn Chicken for the Super Bowl.

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Halftime shows to remember

With Madonna headlining this year's Super Bowl Halftime Show, Metro's Pat Healy looks back at the Top 5 performances from past years No, marching bands didn't make the list

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U2, 2002
It was a few months after the 9-11 attacks, and this song set from Dublin's finest did a heroic job of honouring those who died that day. It also saluted the country U2 has always wished it was from, as Bono revealed an American flag close to his heart. Criticize Bono all you want for pandering, but it's hard not to get misty as the names of victims scroll down a huge screen as U2 plays.

Prince, 2007
His royal purpleness has always been known for a stadium-sized ego. What made this performance unique is that despite performing on a stage shaped like the symbol that once served as his name, the dude did a medley of songs, only three of which were his. He touched others by Queen, Bob Dylan, the Foo Fighters and more. But, being Prince, made all of them his own.

Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band, 2009
To condense a Springsteen concert experience into 13 minutes sounds preposterous. But the Boss was able to fill a four-song suite with a whole lot of hokey fun, including a gospel choir, a flag-throwing ref, a knee-slide across the stage, some mic-stand gymnastics and the return to the stage of Big Man Clarence Clemons.

Michael Jackson, 1993
This show by the King of Pop would change the way networks programmed halftime. This was MJ just before he was accused of sexually abusing children. It's eerie now to hear him say, "no one should have to suffer, especially our children," but the performance itself was touching (not the bad kind) as he sang Heal the World, and the crowd held up placards to form drawings by kids.

Janet Jackson & Justin Timberlake, 2004
Seriously, we were really supposed to believe that Janet Jackson just happened to be wearing a metal sunburst around her areola? Regardless of how planned or unplanned the "bet I'll have you nekkid by the end of this song" ending was, the duet with Justin Timberlake on Rock Your Body definitely still holds up a whole eight(!) years later.

Not your average drive-thru eats

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Cut a pizza into bite-sized pieces, and top with arugula.

When it comes to Super Bowl snacks this Sunday, you can take Food Network star Sandra Lee's concept of Semi-Homemade to a whole new level. How? With fast food that is specially tweaked to score major touchdowns with your guests.

Yep, we're talking KFC and doughnuts, but with your own unique additions.

Allison Beck, editor at thedailymeal.com, set about finding last-minute party fixes that take simple, inexpensive take-out to the next level with some minor enhancements you probably already have in your pantry. As Beck says, "We're busy people and you've got to find shortcuts."

The eats

Sticky rice lifesaver
When making burritos or chili, get Chinese takeout white rice to accompany the dish. It's inexpensive and cooked perfectly. No one will be the wiser.

KFC's Grilled Chicken
Get a bucket of grilled chicken, coat it with sauce (hot, barbecue or otherwise), get some buns, lettuce and tomato — and voila! A sammie that's sure to please.

Dress up plain-Jane pizza
Add fresh arugula and maybe even some truffle oil to your local delivery pizza. Cut the slices into bite-sized pieces for classy apps.

Doughnut desserts
Want some instant profiteroles? Get some Timbits, slice them in half, add some ice cream and boom! You've got a whole lot of delicious.

Burger options
Visit any burger joint, grab a bunch of burgers or mini burgers and double them as your own party's sliders. Garnish them with a tomato chutney, horseradish or a special cheese to kick it up a notch in the flavour department. METRO

Super Bowl Sippin'

Trini Cherry Shandy

- 1½ oz Denizen Rum
- ½ oz St. Germain Elderflower
- ½ oz Lemon Juice
- 1 tsp Maraschino Liqueur
- Cherry Lambic
- Hefeweizen

Pour all ingredients, except beer, into a mixing tin. Add ice and shake. Strain into a tall glass and top with equal parts Cherry Lambic and Hefeweizen. Garnish with a lemon wedge.

Dutch Air Mail

- 2 oz Denizen Rum
- ½ oz honey syrup*
- ½ oz lime juice
- Dutch lager beer (Heineken or similar)
- Splash of pink grapefruit juice

Pour all ingredients, except beer, into mixing tin. Add ice and shake. Strain into a tall glass and top with beer. Garnish with a grapefruit peel over the glass. (*Cut 2 tbsp. honey with 1 tbsp. hot water and stir or shake.)

Bombs Away

- 1 oz Captain Morgan
- ½ oz TY KU Sake Black
- ¼ oz TY KU Citrus Liqueur
- ½ oz simple syrup
- 4 oz Hoegaarden

Pour beer into a pint glass. In a separate double shot glass, combine the rest of the ingredients and serve separately. To drink, drop shot glass in beer and drink together. Want to turn your drink into a game? Take a sip whenever a team scores or whenever a quarterback throws a bomb and it's caught. METRO

Untangling those Super Bowl numerals

Kids "LOL" and "OMG" each other all day, but ask them to decipher the XLVI of this year's Super Bowl and you might as well be talking Greek.

They may know what X means, or V and I, but Roman numerals beyond the basics have largely gone the way of cursive and penmanship as a subject in schools.

Students in high school and junior high get a taste of the Roman system during Latin (where Latin is still taught, anyway). And they learn a few Roman numerals in history class when they study the monarchs of Europe.

By the #s	
I	1
II	2
III	3
IV	4
V	5
VI	6
VII	7
VIII	8
IX	9
X	10
L	50
C	100
D	500
M	1,000

But in elementary school, "Roman numerals are a minor topic," said Jeanine Brownell of the early mathematics development program at Erickson Institute, a child-development graduate school in Chicago.

That's not how Joe Horrigan remembers it. "I went to Catholic school. I still have bruised knuckles from not learning them," said the NFL historian and spokesman for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

What's wrong with good ol' 46, as in this year's Super Bowl between the Giants and the Patriots on Sunday?

"Number 46, just kind of sounds like an inventory," said Horrigan, who is LX years old. "Those Roman numerals, they're almost like trophies."

The use of Roman numerals to designate Super Bowls began with game V in 1971, won by the Baltimore Colts over the Dallas Cowboys 16-13 on Jim O'Brien's 32-yard field goal with five seconds remaining. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ New York's Osi Umenyiora goes through drills with teammates during practice on Thursday.

All hands on deck for N.Y.

Giants have everyone at practice again with Nicks, Webster, Williams taking part

Running back Ahmad Bradshaw practised for a second straight day and three other players were allowed to practise without restrictions as the New York Giants completed their second workout in Indiana in preparation for the Super Bowl on Thursday.

Cornerback Corey Webster (hamstring), wide receiver Hakeem Nicks (shoulder) and special-teamer/linebacker Jacquian Williams (foot) all practised fully, according to a pool report. They were limited Wednesday.

Bradshaw, who has a broken bone in his right foot, and defensive end Osi Umenyiora (ankle/knee) were the only Giants who were limited in the 88-minute practice on the University of Indianapolis' indoor practice field.

The report also said Eli Manning was sharp during passing drills.

Bradshaw, who hasn't practised on consecutive days since returning from his foot injury in early December, tripped going through the line on a running play early in the session. But he hopped up and was able to continue.

"It looked like he tripped over the fullback's foot," coach Tom Coughlin said. "But he's fine."

Coughlin said the team's energy level, enthusiasm and excitement are obvious.

"They're really excited to practice for the game," Coughlin said. "I think they've done very well. This was a good day of preparation."

Manning was sharp in the final two first-unit offensive possessions. He completed 10 of 11 throws in a two-minute drill held against the Giants' first-team defence, moving the offence briskly downfield.

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▶ Rob Gronkowski

'A good test for him'

Rob Gronkowski practised with the New England Patriots for the Super Bowl for the first time Thursday. Now coach Bill Belichick is waiting to see how the All-Pro tight end's injured ankle responds.

Gronkowski, recovering from a high sprain in his left ankle, participated on a limited basis for the first time since being injured Jan. 22 in the third quarter of the 23-20 win over the Baltimore Ravens in the AFC championship game.

"He did some things. He didn't do everything," Belichick said. "We'll see how he is (Friday). I think that will be the big key."

Gronkowski, who set an NFL single-season record for tight ends with 17 touchdown catches, took part during the second half of the nearly two-hour practice for Sunday's championship game against the New York Giants.

"It was fine," Belichick said, "It was a good test for him, too, at least. At least he was out here and did some things to see how it feels. We'll see how it goes."

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5 GIANTS TO WATCH

ELI MANNING, QB

▶ Had best regular season of career, set NFL record with 15 fourth-quarter TD passes. Has 103.1 passer rating in playoffs, with eight TDs and one interception

AHMAD BRADSHAW, RB

▶ Battling back and foot injuries, but shows up nearly every week. Has more power than size might indicate, also has nice burst.

HAKEEM NICKS, WR

▶ A deep threat who also can break shorter passes into long gains. Uses big hands and long arms to fight off defenders for passes.

JUSTIN TUCK, LDE

▶ Leader of defence, has fought through series of injuries and is playing his best ball now. Can play anywhere on line in passing situations.

COREY WEBSTER, LCB

▶ Best cover cornerback on Giants. Could be matched up at times with one of New England's dangerous TEs.

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So you think you can dance in the end zone?

Patriots tight end Hernandez may celebrate with merengue, hopes Giants wide receiver Cruz doesn't get a chance to use his salsa moves

Move over salsa-specialist Victor Cruz. Aaron Hernandez may need room to show his merengue moves in the end zone.

The duelling dancers are practising the steps that they hope will lead to touchdowns at the Super Bowl and give the NFL showcase the look of a hard-hitting episode of Dancing With the (Football) Stars.

The versatile Hernandez has twisted his way downfield for the New England Patriots — changing direction after making catches and swerving by frustrated pursuers on a 43-yard run playoff run from the backfield against Denver. Now he's heard suggestions that he break out the salsa should he score a touchdown on Sunday, just as Cruz does with the New York Giants.

"They told me to do the salsa and I was joking around, saying maybe I'll do the merengue," a smiling Hernandez said Thursday, three days before the Super Bowl. "But that's his style and I respect him doing that and that's also a shoutout to the Hispanic community.

"But he's a good player and, hopefully, he doesn't get too many salsa dances this week."

Cruz sidesteps the idea of a Sunday Night Fever dance-off with Hernandez.

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▶ Victor Cruz performs a dance as he celebrates after the Giants' wild-card win over the Falcons.

"I just want to get in the end zone and win this football game," he said.

Hernandez is used to playing second fiddle as "the other" tight end in the Patriots dynamic combo.

Rob Gronkowski's left ankle has been in the spotlight ever since the All-Pro sprained it Jan. 22 in the AFC championship game.

Before that, Gronkowski's big hands that rarely drop a football drew the attention. He set an NFL single-season record for tight ends with 17 touchdown catches, usually followed by a powerful spike.

"I've been ready to play since they told us we're playing in the Super Bowl."
AARON HERNANDEZ

"I'm sure he'll be fine" for the game, Hernandez said. "Everyone knows he's a beast and he'll definitely be a huge impact in this game."

Hernandez, faster and shiftier than the bulldozing Gronkowski, had a pretty good season, too. He caught 79 passes for 910 yards and seven touchdowns. But he doesn't mind getting less attention.

"I've never been that type of person and the way our relationship is, we're so close that we don't even think about it like that," Hernandez said.

"I'm not a huge media guy, as you know, so he can have all the media he wants. You can talk to him and I know he loves it."

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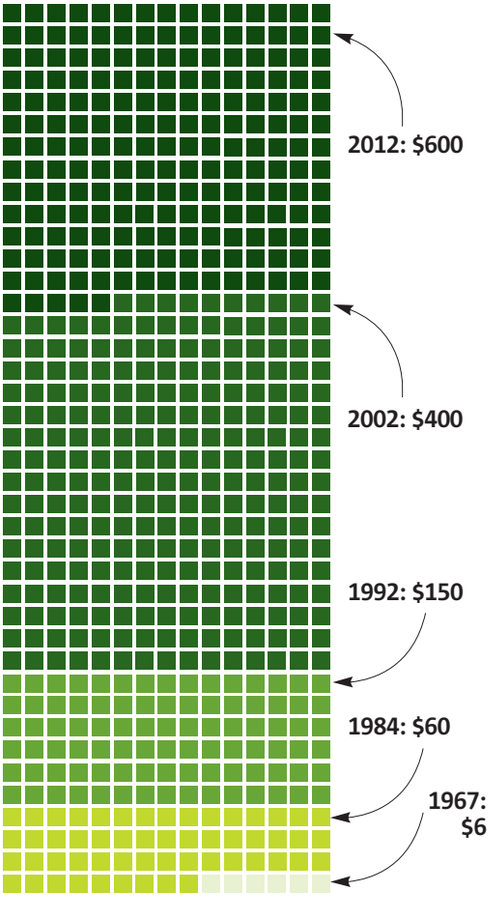

5 PATRIOTS TO WATCH

TOM BRADY, QB

▶ Most accomplished quarterback of his era, has won three Super Bowls and is in his fifth. Has career record of 2-2 against Giants.

WES WELKER, WR

▶ Led NFL with 122 catches, becomes second player with at least 120 twice in a career (Cris Carter). Has most receptions since 2007 in NFL (554).

ROB GRONKOWSKI, TE

▶ Combination of size and strength overwhelms defenders. Battling left ankle injury sustained in AFC title game, but came back to finish that game.

VINCE WILFORK, LDT

▶ Wilfork has been as good as anyone in post-season. Played more than usual against Ravens, who couldn't block him with two men in AFC title game.

JEROD MAYO, MLB

▶ Best and most accomplished of Patriots' LBs, has had some health issues hold him back. First-round pick in 2008.

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▶ Patrick Roy

Roy fined for top prospects comments

Patrick Roy is in hot water again after accusing the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's commissioner of pressuring an injured player to participate in this week's top prospects game.

The QMJHL fined the Quebec Remparts $5,000 over comments made by the former star goalie and current Remparts' coach and general manager.

Roy accused Gilles Courteau of placing his interests and those of the QMJHL ahead of the players last Friday.

Roy said Courteau and the league pressured Remparts forward Mikhail Grigorenko to play in the CHL Top Prospects Game in Kelowna, B.C., on Wednesday even though he was injured. Roy added Courteau wants to become head of the CHL and that Grigorenko's participation would help his candidacy.

Last month, the league fined the Remparts $2,500 when Roy said the officials were "a disgrace" after a loss to Victoriaville.

Roy was also fined in November and April for comments directed toward league officials.

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NHL vows to 'get to the bottom' of clock glitch

- Slight delay gives Kings enough time for last-second win over Jackets
- Game's result expected to stand
- 'Not good, not acceptable': Bettman

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▶ Los Angeles' Drew Doughty, left, scores the winning goal against Columbus on Wednesday night.

The NHL is investigating a scoreboard error that could have an "enormous impact" on playoff races according to Columbus general manager Scott Howson.

During Wednesday's game in Los Angeles, the clock briefly stopped in the dying seconds — giving Drew Doughty time to score the winning goal in a 3-2 win over Columbus.

"Not good, not acceptable — if (the clock) had run straight through, the game would have been at a tie at that point, would have gone to overtime," commissioner Gary Bettman said on NHL.com.

"Maybe L.A. would have won anyway, maybe not. That's not the point. We are taking this very seriously. We're investigating as to how it happened."
NHL COMMISSIONER GARY BETTMAN

"Obviously, it's either human error or a technology glitch. We don't know which, but we've already begun investigating and we will get to the bottom of it."

The puck crossed the line with less than a second to play in regulation. However, when the Blue Jackets looked at post-game video, they discovered the clock froze for roughly a second just prior to the goal — meaning time should have expired.

The NHL's video room looked at the play immediately after the goal, but didn't notice that the scoreboard stopped.

"We didn't even look to go back and say 'OK, did something happen (with the clock)?'" Colin Campbell, the NHL's senior executive vice-president of hockey operations, said Thursday. "And then after the game, minutes after the game, we see (it and say) 'Holy cow.'"

Campbell confirmed that the goal shouldn't have counted.

In the wake of the incident, Kings GM Dean Lombardi claimed the clock was functioning as it should and that the pause occurred while it recalibrated to ensure the period was exactly 20 minutes long.

Even though the Blue Jackets boasts the NHL's worst record, Howson wrote in a blog post that the unjust result "matters to our players, to our coaches, every person in our organization and our fans."

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Lakers-Clippers to join forces in all-star game

From Kobe Bryant to Chris Paul, Blake Griffin to Andrew Bynum, the NBA all-star game is shaping up as an L.A. story.

Two Lakers and two Clippers were voted as starters Thursday for the game, the first time in 15 years that two pairs of teammates have been voted to start for one conference.

$1.6M Dwight Howard of the host Orlando Magic was the overall leading vote-getter with 1.6 million.

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant prevented a Los Angeles sweep of Western Conference starters by earning a spot for the Feb. 26 game in Orlando.

LeBron James and Dwyane Wade are going from Miami, while MVP Derrick Rose of Chicago, Orlando's Dwight Howard and New York's Carmelo Anthony round out the East starters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

Soccer qualifiers return to T.O.

SOCCER. Canada will play its next round of home World Cup soccer qualifiers at Toronto's BMO Field.

The men's games are June 12 against Honduras, Sept. 7 against Panama and Oct. 12 against Cuba.

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Hollingsworth slides to gold in Whistler

SKELETON. Melissa Hollingsworth won World Cup gold on Thursday at a skeleton track in Whistler, B.C. that has plagued her since a disappointing fifth place finish at the 2010 Olympics. The native of Eckville, Alta., finished in a two-run time of one minute 49.79 seconds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Quoted

"I'm all for freedom of speech, but I won't tolerate defamation."

PHIL MICKELSON AFTER HIS OPENING ROUND IN THE PHOENIX OPEN ON THURSDAY. MICKELSON HAS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST A QUEBEC INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER TO LEARN THE IDENTITY OF A PERSON WHO HAS POSTED "VEXATIOUS STATEMENTS" ABOUT HIM. IN THE LAWSUIT AGAINST VIDEOTRON, HE CITED COMMENTS POSTED ON YAHOO SPORTS NOV. 11 AND 12 FROM THE PSEUDONYMS "FOGROLLER" AND "LONGTITUDE" THAT ALLEGED MICKELSON'S WIFE HAD AN AFFAIR AND THAT HE FATHERED AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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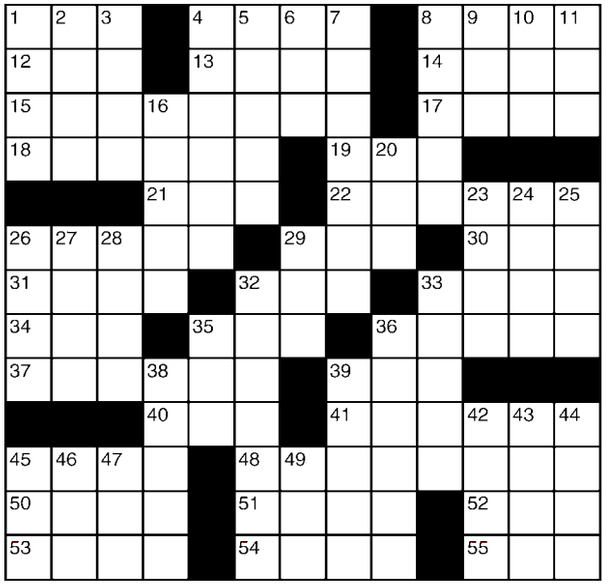

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19 Id counterpart
21 Biblical verb suffix
22 "A Bell for Adano" author
26 Reacts in horror
29 Muppet master Henson
30 Poolroom prop
31 Lotion additive
32 Obese
33 Jung or Yastrzemski
34 Red or Black
35 Poorly lit
36 Yuletide melody
37 Godly messenger
39 Swiss peak
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45 Effervescence
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50 Pennsylvania port
51 Discord goddess
52 Levy
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54 Depend (on)
55 Suitable

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2 Genealogy chart
3 "— Breckinridge"
4 Railroad switches
5 From Cardiff
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8 Any of the "12 Angry Men"
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10 Afternoon social
11 Blunder
16 Thin pancake
20 Jewel
23 Cicatrix
24 Continental coin
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27 Sheltered
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29 Toast topper
32 Chess legend Bobby
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▶ Thursday's answer

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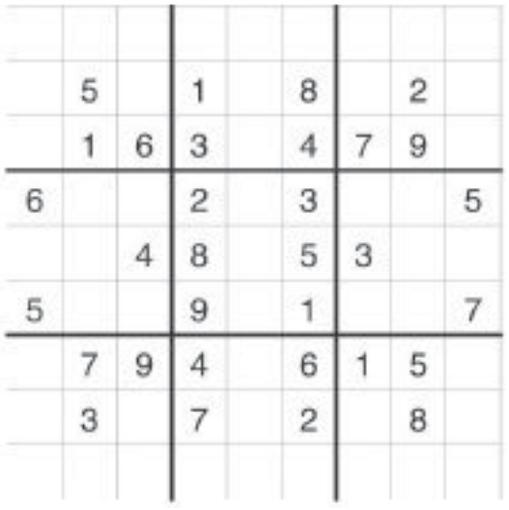

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Thursday's answer ▶

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You've done your bit, now reward yourself with a break.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Trust your instincts, not what dubious sources tell you.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You need to be a bit more realistic about your ambitions. There is no point aiming for things you cannot reach – that's just silly.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The only thing that might hold you back over the next 24 hours is if you let negative thoughts take over.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Have friends and colleagues been keeping things from you? It looks like it, but before you get angry about it ask yourself why that should be.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Don't worry if you find it hard to get your point across over the next few days.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You may be under the impression that you have to work extra hard to keep up with your rivals, but is that true? Be friends with everyone and do quality work only.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Everyone makes mistakes and you are no exception – but you are exceptional when you get it right, and that's often.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Watch what you say today or you could find yourself falling out with a friend or work colleague over nothing much at all.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Make sure you know all the facts before offering an opinion.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Forget about all the trivial things and focus on the two or three issues that are of real importance.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You need to recognize that the life you are most responsible for is your own.

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